

Using the Present Tenses



Present Simple and Present Continuous Speaking

Ex #1:

1. Give some examples of your daily habits. (**present simple**)
2. Everyone give one example of a fact that you know. Example: There are about 25,000 polar bears left in the world. (**present simple**)
3. Describe activities that are in progress in your classroom now. (**be + ing**)
4. Describe activities that are in progress in your country/the world now. (**be + ing**)
5. Give some examples of the habits/repeated actions you don't like. (Could be about your friend, roommate, etc.) (**present simple**)
6. Talk about your fixed plans and arrangements for the future (use **be + ing**)

Ex #2: Discussion

How often do you speak with your friends and family?

What do you do for work? / What do you want to do for work in the future?

Do you know any Vancouverites? What do you think Vancouverites are like?
(personality)

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When do you wake up in the morning? What time do you go to bed during the week and on the weekends?

What do you think about this school?

What is something from your home that you really miss.

Part 2: Present Continuous

- What are you doing this year to improve yourself?
- What do you think your best friend is doing right now?
- Are you reading any interesting books these days? Which ones?
- What TV shows are you watching now?
- Think of your favorite celebrity. What do you think they are doing right now?
- Who are you hanging out with a lot these days?
- What projects are you working on this week?
- What are you studying these days?
- Show your partner a picture on your phone. Describe what is happening in the photo.
- What is your favorite sports team? How are they doing this season?

Ex #1: Put the verbs into the correct form

*Example: Americans **vote** in the presidential election every four years.
(to vote)*

1. Chris _____ to the gym every Monday and Thursday. (to not go)
2. How many languages _____ ? (to speak)
3. The grocery store _____ at seven o'clock in the morning and _____ at ten o'clock in the evening. (to open / to close)

4. If you _____ olive oil above one hundred degrees, it _____. (to heat / to burn)
5. What time _____ your flight _____ next week? (depart)
6. While my family _____ here, we'll tour around the province. (to be)
7. I _____ the word 'exasperated'. What _____? (to not understand / to mean)
8. My cousins _____ in any religion; they **are** atheists. (to believe/ to be)
9. He _____ the grammar that we study in class, but he always _____ the exam!
10. Maple syrup _____ in Canada. (to produce)

Ex #2: For each answer in the table below, write an information question about the paragraph you have read. There may be more than one correct way to ask the question.

	Question	Answer
e.g		Alexia
1		I'm nervous.
2		quite early
3		at 5am
4		Pete
5		every week
6		three brothers and two sisters
7		Every Thursday
8		28 years old
9		140 pounds (lb)

10		5' 7
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Ex#3: Errors

- a) I am depending on you, so don't make any mistakes!
- b) Is this price including the new students?
- c) Excuse me, but are you waiting for someone?
- d) These potatoes are tasting a bit strange.
- e) How are you feeling today?
- f) How much does this watch cost?
- g) I have a feeling that something goes wrong with the plan.
- h) It's depending on the weather.
- i) Are those shoes fitting you well?
- j) I think you are being so moody today.

Ex #4: Complete these sentences by choosing one of the verbs below and choosing between Simple and Continuous. (ADVANCED 125 level)

**attract - consist of - doubt - feel - fit - have - like - look - measure - sound
have / is having**

1

- I hear you are having your house repainted! How is it looking so far?
- I bought this new dress yesterday. How does it look?

2

- **Person a:** What are you doing with that ruler? **Person b:** I _____ the area of the kitchen.
- The garden _____ 12 by 20 metres.

3

- I am _____ whether I'll get another chance to retake the exam.
- = I don't think I will have another chance.
- I _____ she is at home, she is usually at the gym at this time.
- = I don't think she is at home.

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- The new science museum currently _____ 10,000 visitors a month.
- Flowers _____ bees with their brightly-coloured petals.

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- Carlos won't work at the top of the 20-storey building because he _____ heights.
- **Person a:** How's the new job? **Person b:** Well, at the moment, I _____ it at all.

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- My car's in the garage today. They _____ new brakes.
- I bought this sweater for Anna, but it _____ her so I'll have to take it back.

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- What's your shirt made from? It _____ like silk.
- I won't be coming to work today. I _____ very well.

8

- The roof of the house is _____ only plastic sheets nailed down in a few places.
- Their school uniform _____ black trousers and a dark green jumper.

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- Simon's new song _____ quite good, but he doesn't think he's ready yet to perform it in public.
- **Person a:** What's that noise? **Person b:** It _____ like a bird stuck in the chimney.

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- Poulson _____ treatment for a knee injury, but should be fit to play.
- My sister _____ long blonde hair. You're bound to recognise her.

Ex #5: Look at the information in each table. Write sentences about each situation with the correct tense (the time expressions will help you), in either Present Simple or Present Continuous. You could put the time expression at the beginning or end of the sentences.

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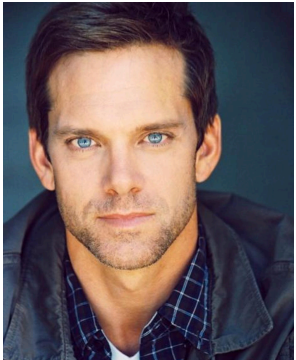


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For a more challenging writing exercise, join your sentences to make small paragraphs.

Name	Info	Sentences
Josie 	Every week: go / yoga. Today: study / a big exam. Tuesday mornings: sleep in. Next Friday: visit / one of her cousins.	<i>e.g Josie goes to yoga every week. On Tuesdays, she normally sleeps in. Today, she is studying for a big exam. Next Friday, she is visiting one of her cousins.</i>
Mia 	In general: believe / people / be kind. Usually: travel / Mexico / at Spring Break. Currently: read / a book Stephen King. Every week: babysit / or her sister.	
Adam 	Every other week: stay / his dad's house. Now: check / Facebook This year: take / a year off / travel. Next month: do / a presentation / school.	
Trisha	For the time being: work / jewellery store. Rarely: see / her friends / university In June: start / a new job / New York. After work: have / a drink / some colleagues Hardly ever: remember / to call	

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	<p>her mom.</p>	
<p>Sergio</p> 	<p>On Saturdays: skype / his parents in Peru. Often: feel / homesick Later: see / his girlfriend / after / finish / class. Never: hang out / friends</p>	
<p>Kate</p> 	<p>Most of the time: be / optimistic sometimes: / be pessimistic right now: deal / stress tonight: take / a bubble bath to relax.</p>	